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CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (cancelled)
- 2. (currently amended) A method for evaluating the effectiveness of an HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor as an anti HIV therapy for a patient infected with at least one mutant HIV strain comprising:
 - (i) collecting a sample from an HIV-infected patient;
 - (ii) determining whether the sample comprises a nucleic acid encoding HIV reverse transcriptase having at least one mutation at the position 194, wherein the wild type amino acid is mutated to glycine 194G;
 - (iii) correlating the presence of said at lest one mutation of step (ii) to a change in effectiveness of said mutated-HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor;
 - (iv) determining of the effectiveness of said mutated HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor; and
 - (v) comparing the <u>drug</u> effectiveness <u>of said inhibitor</u> in samples containing <u>the said reverse</u> transcriptase mutation, <u>194G</u>, with samples not containing said mutation.
- 3. to 4. (cancelled)
- 5. (currently amended) A method for evaluating a change in an-anti HIV drug susceptibility comprising:
 - (i) collecting a sample from an HIV-infected patient;
 - (ii) determining whether the sample comprises an HIV reverse transcriptase having at least one mutation at the position 194, wherein the wild type amino acid is mutated to glycine 194G;
 - (iii) correlating the presence of said at least one mutation of step (ii) to a change in said-anti HIV drug susceptibility;

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(iv) determining the effectiveness of a mutated-reverse transcriptase inhibitor; and

(v) comparing the <u>anti HIV</u> drug effectiveness in samples containing the <u>said</u> reverse transcriptase mutation, <u>194G</u>, with samples not containing said mutation.

6. to 10. (cancelled)

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